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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the following remarks, reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as presented are earnestly solicited. Claims 1-24 are pending. In response to the Office Action, Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 4 such that no new matter has been added. Furthermore, Claim 4 has been cancelled. Accordingly, it is believed that the pending claims now define patentable subject matter over the reference cited by the Examiner and notice to such effect is requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 4 contains allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim. Thus, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4 and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Because Claims 2 and 3 add additional recitations to the allowable subject matter of amended Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2 and 3 are also in condition for allowance. As such, for the reasons set forth above, Claims 1-3 and 5-24 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest opportunity.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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